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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Limited War Training Exercises (U)

1. In a memorandum for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, on 8 March 1961, subject: "Assignment of Projects Within the Department of Defense," you assigned a project to prepare a detailed program for limited war training exercises.
2. The scope, characteristics and duration of limited war cannot be predicted precisely but may be visualized as varying in size and intensity. It may or may not include employment of nuclear weapons. Normally the forces required to satisfactorily conclude a limited war will involve more than one Service and will be assigned to a joint commander or a commander of a unified or specified command. Therefore it is considered that advanced training exercises involving joint or combined forces are most representative of training for limited war. Preliminary or small unit training is conducted by Service components.
3. Training for limited war is a function of the commanders of the unified and specified commands and the Services. Guidance to the Services to organize, train, and equip forces for combat operations and guidance to commanders of unified and specified commands and the Services for operations and training of unified, specified, joint task force and other joint force commands has been provided by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in JCS Publication No. 2, Unified Action Armed Forces, November 1959. The responsibilities, functions and authorities contained in the publication were provided on the basis of applicable laws, directives, policies and procedures as promulgated by Congress, the President and the Secretary of Defense.
4. The extent to which forces should be trained in joint training exercises is dependent upon several considerations. The commanders of unified and specified commands are best qualified to determine the optimum joint training that should be scheduled for the forces assigned them. Likewise, the

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Services are best qualified to determine the extent to which they can support joint training and mobility exercises with the forces and resources available. The Joint Chiefs of Staff are in the best position to correlate the joint training involved in significant exercises.

5. Each of the Services has an aggregate of specialized schools designed to provide currently indoctrinated officers and men to the combat units. These schools teach the latest doctrines, tactics, concepts and strategies as applicable for the functions and responsibilities assigned their respective Services. Specialized schools and training commands cover aspects of training for operations in the Jungle, Arctic, mountains, desert, over the beaches, etc., and the majority of these schools teach subject matter for joint operations. Additionally, the curricula of the colleges sponsored by the Joint Chiefs of Staff include study of limited war. All of this effort encompasses training for the whole spectrum of war and includes all facets of limited war training.

6. Such factors as availability of funds, availability of logistic support elements, scheduled unit rotations to unified commands, level of unit training, unit equipment changes, estimate of enemy capability, terrain in respective theatre, seasonal weather changes and similar considerations dictate the scope and timing for joint training exercises. Many of these factors pose limitations which are beyond the control of the commander concerned. It is in these instances that the Joint Chiefs of Staff participation in the planning and execution of exercises can best provide the over-all coordination necessary for limited war. It is the inherent responsibility of commanders to conduct appropriate training in preparation to execute their assigned combat missions. The same is true for combat units retained by the Services to be assigned to unified commanders or joint task forces as contingencies arise.

7. The Joint Chiefs of Staff initiate, plan and conduct various command post exercises and readiness tests designed as training for the entire spectrum of war including limited war. These exercises and tests provide realistic training for the Joint Staff and the staffs of the commanders of unified and specified commands and their components. A very significant portion of limited war training is accomplished through combined exercises with international treaty organizations and

by bilateral agreements as recommended and coordinated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff for participation of US forces. In addition the Joint Chiefs of Staff approve, sanction or comment upon significant proposed joint exercises where more than one unified command or Service is involved, secure funding from the Secretary of Defense where applicable, participate when feasible, and provide liaison through the Secretary of Defense to the State Department where political considerations are involved with joint or combined exercises.

8. The current procedure being practiced, wherein the main initiative for programming joint exercises rests with the unified and specified commands in coordination with the Services, has resulted in a well balanced and aggressive training program for limited wars. An example of this is the recent joint exercise to the Philippines, exercise LONG PASS. This exercise involved the airlift of two Army battle groups, accompanied by two tactical fighter squadrons with appropriate supporting forces. In general the program provides one or two such exercises each fiscal year. This program of exercises, is the product of approximately a two year cycle of development planning. In the aggregate, these exercises are considered to provide an effective limited war training program for the period 1 July 1961 to 30 June 1962.

9. In summary the limited war training program consists of plans projected from two to three years coordinated and prepared by the commanders of unified and specified commands and by the Services with due consideration for such factors as force availabilities, state of unit training, and weather and area appropriate to the type of training desired. The Appendix hereto contains the FY-62 significant exercises program which has been scheduled for units of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

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APPENDIX

FY-62 SIGNIFICANT EXERCISES PROGRAM

This appendix lists the majority of significant exercises programmed for FY-62. In addition to these exercises, each of the Services conducts extensive uni-Service training exercises in preparation for limited war which are not shown herein.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSONNEL/ AIRCRAFT</u>
<u>ALASKAN AREA</u>			
GREAT BEAR	Cold Weather Ops 2 Battle Groups	Feb 62	3,000
Air Transport Ex	Tactical move - Ft. Jonathan Wainwright to Point Barrow and return	Sep 61	350
Air Transport Ex	Tactical move - Elmendorf AFB to Bethel and return	Jun 62	350
<u>ATLANTIC AREA</u>			
SOLANT AMITY	Training in South African waters	Continuous	1,400
PHIBULEX 2-61	Amphibious Vertical Landing Training	Jun-Aug 61	4,000
LANTNARMID 61	Amphibious Training	Jul-Aug 61	4,100
LOGEX 61	Logistics Support Training	Jul-Oct 61	2,500
PHIBTRALEX 3-61	BLT Amphibious Training Exercise	Jul-Oct 61	4,400
PHIBULEX 3-61	Amphibious Vertical Landing Exercise	Sep-Dec 61	4,500
RECONEX 2-61	Marine Reconnaissance Exercise	FY 62	400
MCRLEX 61	Marine Corps Reserve BLT Training	FY 62	4,000
PHIBTRALEX 4-61	BLT Amphibious Training Exercise	Nov 61-Jan 62	4,400
PHIBTRALEX 1-62	BLT Amphibious Training Exercise	Jan-Mar 62	6,300
PHIBTRALEX	BLT Amphibious Training	Mar-Apr 62	4,400

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AMPHIB CPX	Marine Corps Amphibious CPX	FY 62	No Estimate
LANTPHIBEX 1-62	Marine Air/Ground Task Force Amphibious Exercise	Apr-May 62	20,000
PHIBULEX 1-62	Air/Ground Amphibious Exercise	May-Jun 62	4,400
PACKARD XIII	Marine Corps School Exercise	May 62	3,000
PHIBTRALEX 3-62	BLT Amphibious Exercise	Jan 62	4,400
PHIBTRAMID 62	Amphibious Training for Midshipmen and Marine Corps	Jun 62	4,400
RECONEX 1-62	Marine Corps Reconnaissance Exercise	4thQtr FY 62	400
MCRLEX	Marine Corps Reserve BLT Exercise	Jun 62	4,400
MCR RECON TMS	Recon Team Training Exercise	4thQtr FY 62	100
BATREX 62	BLT Training Exercise	4thQtr FY 62	No Estimate
SOMASW 61	ASW Training for So. American navies (US and 7 So. American countries)	Aug-Dec 61	900
CANUS SLAMEX 1-61	ASW Training Exercise (Canada/US)	Feb 62	4,500
Weapons Demonstration	Demonstration for So. American countries	FY 62	No Estimate
TRADE WIND	Naval Control of Shipping (CPX) (Canada/US)	Aug 61	1,000
Demonstration	Sea power demonstration for War College	Aug 61	4,000
US Army Transportation Corps Exercise	Operational Training	1stQtr FY 62	2,000
US Army Transportation Corps Exercise	Operational Training	2ndQtr FY 62	200
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<u>CARIBBEAN AREA</u>			
BANYAN TREE IV	Tropical Ops - 1 Battle Group (Reinf)	Mar 62	1,800
A/L Support for US Army 7th Special Forces Group	Maneuvers	Every Month	25/5
<u>CENTO AREA</u>			
MIDLINK 4	ASW Training with CENTO member nations (US-UK-Iran-Pakistan)	Nov 61	500
<u>CONTINENTAL US AREA</u>			
SWIFT STRIKE	Corps Field Exercise	Aug 61	30,000
MESA DRIVE	Division Field Exercise	May 62	17,000
SENECA SPEAR	Brigade Field Exercise	May 62	7,000
TRACK DOWN	Combat Command Exercise	Apr 62	8,000
BRISTLE CONE	Desert Training 3 Battalions	Mar 62	4,000
GRAND DELTA	Joint STRAC-TAC CPX/FTX	Oct/Nov 61	16,000
COMET RIDGE	Division Exercise	Apr 62	15,000
TACAIR 62-1 Exercise SWIFT STRIKE/PINE CONE IV	Maneuvers	Apr 62	/89
TACAIR 62-4 Exercise TRACK DOWN	Maneuvers	May 62	/58
TACAIR 62-5 Exercise MESA DRIVE	Maneuvers	May 62	/62
TACAIR 62-6 Exercise GRAND DELTA	Maneuvers	Nov 62	/108
TACAIR 62-7 Exercise	Maneuvers	May 62	/10
TACAIR 62-8 Exercise	Maneuvers	Apr 62	/85
TACAIR 62-9 Exercise BRISTLE CONE	Maneuvers	Apr 62	/6

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TACAIR 62-10 Exercise RIVER COACH	Maneuvers	Dec 62	/65
2nd Army CPX- ASOC/TOOP	Maneuvers	Sep 62	
5th Army CPX- ASOC/TOOP	Maneuvers		
3rd Army CPX- ASOC/TOOP	Maneuvers		
4th Army CPX- ASOC/TOOP	Maneuvers		
1st Army CPX- ASOC/TOOP	Maneuvers		
LOGEX 62- US Army Service School Logistical Training Exercise	Maneuvers		
A/L Support for US Army 549th QM Co (ABN)	Maneuvers	Apr 62 Nov Jan	38/6
TACAIR 62-1 Exercise SWIFT STRIKE/ PINE CONE IV	Maneuvers	Apr 62	2,200/240
TACAIR 62-3 Exercise GREAT BEAR	Maneuvers	Jan 62	250/48
TACAIR 62-5 Exercise WHITE PLAINS	Maneuvers	May 62	188/48
TACAIR 62-6 - Combined Air- borne Exercise	Maneuvers		1,180/144

EUROPEAN AREA

GREEN BANK	Strategic Mobility Exercise - 1 Battle Group	Jun 62	2,000
EP 2011	Rehearsal Contingency Plan	1st Qtr	800
Air Transport Exercise	Air-landed exercise for one battle group	1st Qtr	1,400

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Maneuvers

Sep 62

5th Army CPX- ASOC/TOOP	Maneuvers		
3rd Army CPX- ASOC/TOOP	Maneuvers		
4th Army CPX- ASOC/TOOP	Maneuvers		
1st Army CPX- ASOC/TOOP	Maneuvers		
LOGEX 62- US Army Service School Logistical Training Exercise	Maneuvers		
A/L Support for US Army 5 th Inf QM Co (ABN)	Maneuvers	Apr 62 Nov Jan	38/6
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Air Transport Exercise	Air-landed exercise for one battle group	1st Qtr	1,400
Tactical Air Drop	Special Forces Exercise	2d Qtr	30
EP 2012	Rehearsal Contingency Plan	2d Qtr	800